of firing by Pakistani troops on the Indian posts in the Kargil Sector on the 24th-25th Oct. 1991; in which, besides small arms, artillery, mortars and rockets were also used. The Indian troops retaliated appropriately. In the exchange of fire, one Jawan of the Army and one ASI of the BSF were wounded. Six Pak soldiers are believed to have killed and 4 wounded.

(d) The above incident was a serious violation of the understanding reached between the Directors-General of Military Operations of the two countries in October 1991 against the use of heavy calibre weapons.

(e) The Government constantly monitor all developments in the border areas which have a bearing on national security and take appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness at all times.

Development of a Technique for Treatment of Paralysis by Institute of Aerospace Medicine, Bangalore

707. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a technique known as HYPERBAIC Oxygen (HBO) has been developed for treatment of paralysis in the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) Bangalore; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) therapy is being used to treat a variety of illnesses at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), Bangalore, and certain other institutions. Its use in the treatment of cases of paralysis is still in the experimental stages at the IAM, Bangalore.

Consumption of liquor by Defence personnel

708. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that liquor (wine) is commonly and officially consumed by the defence personnel of Army, Navy and Air Force in the country;

(b) if so, what is the average annual consumption of liquor in the Army, Navy and Air Force;

(c) what are the details of expenditure incurrend by Army, Navy and Air Force on liquor during the last three years; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to minimise the liquor consumption by the defence forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) since 1985 there is no free or subsidised issue of liquor to personnel of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. Serving Defence personnel as well as ex-Servicement purchase liquor from Unit Run Canteens of the Armed Forces as per their individual purchasing power, limited to their entitlements.

Government do not have figures of the annual consumption of liquor by the Defence Services personnel. The value of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), including wines and rums, sold by the Canteen Stores Department to Unit Run Canteens during the last two years is given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Approximate value of sale
1989-90	99·13
1990-91	99·36

NOTE: This value of liquor sold has been worked out at procurement rates excluding Excise Duty, which varies from State to State. The sales include the sales to the serving Defence Forces personnel, ex-Servicemen and eligible Para Military Forces.